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This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/159,427, filed 9/23/98, which is a Reissue of United States Patent No. 5,601,997. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of references herein listed, as well as English language abstracts of foreign references, have been previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in this related prior application. A substitute PTO 1449 form is enclosed.

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II. FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

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Japan 8-505530	Multiple-site Chemotactic Test Apparatus and Method	June 18, 1996
Japan 9-500865	Chemotactic Factors for Human Spermatozoa and Their Use in Human Assisted Fertilization	January 28, 1997
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Japan 4-503005	Device for Measuring Optical Density in Situ	June 4, 1992
Japan 5-219934	Analyzer for Mixed Culture	August 31, 1993
Japan 5-508556	Method and Apparatus to Detect Bacterial Contamination of Transfusable Blood	December 2, 1993

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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